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Headquarters

1. [] the headquarters of the 526 North Korean Army Unit¹ (NKAU) was at Toktong-ni (N 38-57, E 126-58) (YD-5814), Taedong-gun, South P'yongan Province. Staff members were the following:

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- a. Chief: Major General PAE Ch'ol² (5952/0772) []
- b. Deputy Chief: Lieutenant Colonel KIM Yŏng-sik (6855/3057/2784)
- c. Military Operations Bureau Chief: Major YI Pong-sik (2621/7685/2784)
- d. Administrative Bureau Chief: Captain KIM (fnu) []
- e. Reconnaissance Section Chief: Major YIM Kwan-che []
- f. Communications Section Chief: Major KIM Hak-pong (6855/1331/1144)
- g. Cryptography Section Chief: Senior Lieutenant KIM Pyŏng-tŏk (6855/3521/1795) []

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- h. Staff Personnel Section Chief: Major YI (fnu) [redacted]
- i. Elementary Party Chairman: Major CH'A Ch'ang-sŏn (6508/2490/0810).

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Branch Units

2. Branch Units of the 526 NKAU were the following:

- a. The 1 Branch Unit, stationed in Chungwa-gun (N 38-52, E 125-47) (YD-4305), South P'yongan Province, which was the training unit of the 526 NKAU. This unit was [redacted] composed of three brigades, each of which consisted of three battalions. Each battalion consisted of two [redacted] companies, each company of two platoons, each platoon of two squads. [redacted] the unit was reorganized at the battalion level so that each battalion was composed of three companies and each company of two platoons. At that time the commander of the 1 Branch Unit was YI Chong-myŏn [redacted] Other officers were: YI Pyong-tu, battalion commander; and YU Chae-pong, political commissar. 25X1
- b. The 2 Branch Unit,³ stationed in Kariwang-san (N 37-27, E 128-34) [redacted] Kangwon Province. This was the guard unit for the Kangwon Provincial Party of the KLP, and at the same time waged guerrilla warfare. 25X1
- c. [redacted] 25X1
- d. The 5 Branch Unit, commanded by KIM Ik-hyŏn (6855/4135/6881), a native of North Hamgyŏng Province. At staff level were a chief of staff, political commissar, organization instructor, chief of medical services, and chief of security. The unit was made up of four companies, one of which was an armed communications company. Each of the companies was divided into four platoons; each platoon was divided into three squads. Members of the 2 Platoon of the 3 Company, 5 Branch Unit, were the following:
- (1) 1st Squad Leader: Junior Lieutenant YI Ch'ŏl-chin (2621/0772/3791), [redacted] 25X1
- (2) 1st Squad Deputy Leader: KIM Kyŏng-ik (6855/0079/4135) [redacted] 25X1
- (a) 1st Sub-Squad: Five members.
- (b) 2nd Sub-Squad: Leader: NAM Ha-kap (0589/3109/3946) [redacted] 25X1
Members: KIM Chae-uk (6855/0961/6735), YU Kyu-hwan (2692/1145/3562), YI Pyŏng-ch'ŏn (2621/3521/1131), and KIM Hyŏng-ki (6855/0077/1015) [redacted] 25X1
- (c) 3rd Sub-Squad: Led by CHŎN Sŏng-ho (3944/2052/3185).
- e. The 6 Branch Unit, stationed in the Songni-san (N 36-33, E 127-52) (CR-9846) area in North Ch'ungch'ŏng Province. This was the guard unit for the North Ch'ungch'ŏng Provincial Party, KLP, and also waged guerrilla warfare.
- f. The NAM To-pu Army Unit, stationed in the southeast area, at the junction of the North and South Kyŏngsang Provinces. Commander of the unit was NAM To-pu (0589/6757/1381).

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g. The 9 Branch Unit, stationed in the Ongjin-gun (N 37-56, E 125-22) (YC-0801), Hwanghae Province, as a combat unit. It defended the Ongjin line in alliance with the Chinese Communist Forces (CCF). It was equipped with Chinese weapons, and was under the command of a CCF commander.

h. The 10 Branch Unit, ⁴ [] was also known as the 776 Guerrilla Unit. This unit was engaged in operating collective farms in Ilsin-myŏn, Yonbaek-gun, and also functioned as a training unit. Members worked on the farms during training, upon completion of which they were transferred to other units of the 526 NKAU. [] the structure of the 10 Branch Unit was as follows: 25X1

(1) Commander: HŎ Chong-il⁵ (6079/6945/0001) [] 25X1

(a) Chief of Staff

1/ Rear Service

2/ Military Operations

3/ Signal Platoon

4/ Security Guard Platoon

5/ Unknown

(b) Political Commissar: YI Wŏn-sik (2621/0337/2784)

1/ Elementary Party Chief

2/ Democratic Youth Alliance Instructor

3/ Propaganda Staff

4/ Security Bureau: This was a detachment of the Ministry of Social Security.

(2) The 10 Branch Unit was divided into two battalions; each battalion was divided into five companies. Each company, of approximately 350 members, was divided into five platoons; and each platoon into five squads. Commander of the 1 Battalion was CHŎN Un (0356/7189) Commander of the 24 Company was CHŎ P'vong-ok (6392/3521/3768)

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P'yŏngyang Liaison Station

4. In October 1952 the P'yŏngyang Liaison Station of the 526 NKAU was at Misan-ni (N 39-04, E 125-47) [] Taedong-gun, South P'yŏngan Province. The function of this station was to screen and classify discharged soldiers [] and to provide for their welfare. Districts were established in various areas under the jurisdiction of the P'yŏngyang Liaison Station to accommodate those assembled for screening. Clothing, food, and other supplies were drawn from the NK Army Rear Service Department. Hospitalization was provided for those who needed it. After classification, these individuals were 25X1

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dispatched to KLP organizations, to collective farms, or to guerrilla units. The following were staff members of the P'yongyang Liaison Station:

- a. Station Chief: Major CHO Un-hwa (6392/7189/5478) 25X1
- b. Administration Chief: Lieutenant PAK Pyŏng-ch'ŏl (2613/3521/0772)
- c. Dispensary Chief: A doctor with the rank of major.
- d. Rank and File Section Chief: Senior Lieutenant VII Mal-hŭi (0491/2608/2264), 25X1

Central Liaison Station

5. [] the Central Liaison Station of the 526 NKAU was reorganized at Namdun (N 38-29, E 127-47) (CT-9460) as outlined below: 25X1

- a. Station Chief:
 - (1) Military Commissioner:
 - (a) 1st Direction: At approximately 8 kilometers southeast of Onch'on-ni, Imnam-myŏn (N 38-25, E 127-46) (CT-9252). Each direction was composed of three route chiefs who were in charge of guide teams. The function of the directions was to escort agents through the battle line into South Korea.
 - (b) 2nd Direction: At Sakyon-ni, Wŏnbung-myŏn (N 38-32, E 127-34) (CT-7565).
 - (c) 3rd Direction: At Ch'angdo-ri (N 38-31, E 127-40) (CT-8462).
 - (d) Training Instructors: At the agents assembly center at Tumong-ni (N 38-30, E 127-49) (CT-9561).
 - (2) Political Commissar: The incumbent was KLP chairman of the unit, and supervised the following:
 - (a) Democratic Youth Alliance Instructors
 - (b) Five Cultural Instructors
 - (c) Three Clerks
 - (3) Wireless Office: Five staff members
 - (4) Rear Services
 - (5) Dispensary: One medical officer and one nurse

Western Liaison Station

6. In February 1953 the Western Liaison Station had the following substations:
- a. 1st Direction:

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(1) Chief: YI Kye-hwan (2621/2710/3562) 25X1

(2) Deputy Chief: CHANG Kun (1728/0689)

(a) 1st Company Commander: YANG Chae-sŏp (2733/0961/3610).

1/ 1st Platoon Leader: CH'OE Chong-chu (1508/6988/2691) 25X1

a/ 1st Squad Leader: YI Chin-u (2621/6966/4416).

b/ 2nd Squad Leader: Unknown

c/ 3rd Squad Leader: Unknown

2/ 2nd Platoon Leader: PAK Ki-ch'an (2613/1015/6363) 25X1

(b) 2nd Company Commander: MAENG Sin-ho (1322/0207/3185)

b. 2nd Direction:

(1) Chief: PAK Chae-nok (2613/6528/4845)

c. 3rd Direction:

(1) Chief: KO (fnu)

d. 4th Direction:

(1) Chief: YI Chong (2621/6988)

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e. 5th Direction: Unknown

931 (301) Unit⁶

7. The 931 Unit of the 526 NKAU was organized at Chungwa (N 38-52, E 125-47) (YD-4305) and consisted of approximately 40 members who had completed training at the 1 Branch Unit. Members of the unit included the following:

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a. Commander: YI Pyŏng-to (2621/ ? / ?)

b. Political Commissar: YI Ki-sŏk

c. Sanitary Instructor: Unknown

d. 1st Platoon:

(1) Leader: AN Yong-sin

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(2) Deputy Leader: KWŎN O-sŏn

(3) Political Instructors: Two

(4) Chief Radio Operator: YU Saeng-yŏn (2692/3932/8673).

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(5) Assistant Radio Operator: KO Kap-sun (7559/3946/8642). 25X1

(6) Cryptographers: YU Yong-ku and one other.

(7) 1st Squad Leader: AN P'an-sik (1344/0445/2784) 25X1
 Squad Members: KIM Chin-kuk (6855/6966/0948) and HONG Sok-ki (3163/6932/1015)

(8) 2nd Squad Leader: YI Kyong-yong (2621/0079/7893) 25X1

(9) 3rd Squad Members: KIM Pok-ki (6855/4395/0679)
 and KO Song-won (7559/2052/0337)

e. 2nd Platoon:

(1) Leader: KWON Tal-yong (2938/6671/3938) 25X1

(2) Deputy Leader: SO (fnu)

(3) 1st Squad Leader: Unknown

(4) 2nd Squad Leader: Unknown

f. 3rd Platoon:

(1) Leader: KIM (fnu) 25X1

(2) Deputy Leader: YI (fnu)

(3) Political Instructors: Two

(4) 1st Squad Leader: Unknown

(5) 2nd Squad Leader: Unknown

8. [redacted] the 931 Unit, with the 941 Unit, departed from Chungwa, 25X1
 arriving [redacted] at the Central Liaison Station [redacted]

[redacted] the 1st Squad of the 1st Platoon of the 931 Unit made several unsuccessful attempts to break through the front line. During this time the 3rd Squad of the 1st Platoon made three unsuccessful attempts in which about half of its personnel was lost. Unsatisfactory wireless contact with the central⁸ was made six times from various locations. As a consequence, a staff member from the Central was dispatched to the unit with apparatus and codes which were exchanged for the faulty ones.

9. [redacted] 25X1

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941 Unit

10. [] the 941 Unit of the 526 NKAU was organized at Soga-ri (N 38-49, E 125-56) (YD-5502), Yongsu-myon, South P'yongan Province. Members of the unit were the following: 25X1
- a. Commander: KIM Ch'ol (6855/0772).
 - b. Chief of Staff
 - c. Political Commissar: OM Il (0917/0001).
 - d. Political Instructors: Two.
 - e. Sanitation Instructor
 - f. Body Guard: CHANG Se-ki (1728/ ? / ?).
11. This unit was divided into four units (sic), each of which were divided into three squads. The 1st unit (sic) had 12 members, seven of whom were shot in an attempt to infiltrate South Korea. The 3rd and 4th units (sic) had 11 and 10 members, respectively. The 2nd unit, led by PAK Kwan-ok (2613/1401/3768), had a total of 12 members, and was divided into three squads, as follows:

- a. 1st Squad: The leader, name unknown [] 25X1
[] Members of the squad were: CHANG Song-nam (1728/2052/3948),
PAEK T'ae-chun (4101/3141/0193), and CH'OE Song-kyu (1508/8518/1145)
[]
- b. 2nd Squad: The leader was unknown. Members of the squad were: YI Un-yong (2621/6663/7893), SONG Uk (1345/2509), and PAE Chong-su (5952/6945/3178).
- c. 3rd Squad: The leader was KWON Man-ik (2938/5502/4135) [] 25X1
[] Members of the squad were: PAE Sang-sun
(5952/4161/5293) and KANG Hak-su (1203/1331/3178).

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952 Unit

13. [] the 952 Unit of the 526 NKAU was organized at P'yongyang 25X1
and consisted of 24 Communists [] who had
received 5 months training at the Chunghwa Training Center of the 526 NKAU.
[] Members of the unit
were the following:
- a. Commander: KIM Chin-mun, who was armed with a Soviet pistol.
 - b. Political Commissar: KONG Sun-in, who was armed with a Soviet pistol.
 - c. Medical Instructor: YI Yong-kwan, who was armed with a carbine.

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d. 1st Platoon:

- (1) Leader: OM T'ae-yong, who was armed with a burp-gun.
- (2) Deputy Leader: KIM Chang-tong, who was armed with a carbine.
- (3) Members: SIN Yu-hwan, KANG Yong-wŏn, PAK Chong-ha, PAK Kwang-su, TO Kap-ch'ol, YUN Chong-ha, SONG Un-ki, TONG Ch'ang-su, YI Yong-su, YI Yong-i; each was armed with an M-1.

e. 2nd Platoon:

- (1) Leader: SONG Kun-ki, who was armed with a carbine.
- (2) Deputy Leader: YUN Wi-tŏk, who was armed with a carbine.
- (3) Members: PAK Ch'ang-ok, SŎL Ki-chong, CHŎN No-hyŏk, O Sŏk-t'ae, HAN Tu-hui, YI Yong-kwan, SONG Su-yong, CHO Kwan-yŏn, KONG Song-su, WI Yong-su, SIN Nam-ki, OM Tae-un; each was armed with an M-1.

1. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] with the dissolution of the Kŭngang Political School [redacted] the ten branch units of the 526 NKAU, auxiliary liaison stations, and training centers were abolished.

2. [redacted] Comment. PAE Ch'ol was purged [redacted]

3. [redacted]

4. [redacted]

5. [redacted] Comment. According to information available, HO Chong-il was also known as MAENG Chong-ho. The MAENG Chong-ho who was purged [redacted] is presumably identical with this individual.

6. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] after crossing the front lines the 931 Unit became known, for cover purposes, as the 301 Unit.

7. [redacted] 25X1

8. [redacted] Comment. Presumably the Central Wireless Station at Kaesŏng is meant.

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